

REMARKS

Claims 1-128 are pending, with claims 1-12 and 69-78 being independent. Claims 2-8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 18, 19, 22-28, 30, 31 and 33-128 have been withdrawn, leaving claims 1, 9, 12, 13, 16, 17, 20, 21, 29 and 32 (including independent claims 1, 9 and 12) under consideration. (While the action indicates that claims 16 and 20, which depend from claim 12, have been withdrawn, this is not the case.) Each of claims 1, 9 and 12 has been amended. Support for these amendments may be found in the application at Fig. 14 and page 15, lines 2-6. No new matter has been introduced.

Claims 1, 9, 12, 13, 21, 29, and 32 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Shimazu (U.S. Patent No. 6,784,874) in view of Kawada (U.S. Patent No. 6,774,872). Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because neither Shimazu, Kawada, nor any proper combination of the two describes or suggests a gate driver circuit and a source driver circuit for controlling the pixel portion, where each of the pixel portion, the gate driver circuit, and the source driver circuit includes multiple TFTs, as recited in each of independent claims 1, 9 and 12.

The rejection contends that the PC board 17 of Shimazu inherently has a driver circuit for controlling the display portion. Even assuming for sake of argument that this is correct, the PC board 17 would not inherently include a gate driver circuit and a source driver circuit that both include multiple TFTs, as recited in the independent claims. For at least this reason, Shimazu does not describe or suggest the recited gate and source driver circuits. Moreover, Kawada, which is cited as showing a LCD device having a display portion and a driver circuit formed over the same substrate, does not remedy this failure of Shimazu. Accordingly, for at least this reason, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claim 17 has been rejected as being unpatentable over Shimazu in view of Kawada and Motegi (U.S. Patent No. 6,246,388). Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Motegi does not remedy the failure Shimazu and Kawada to describe or suggest the subject matter of the independent claims.

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

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